GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:72
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003
OUTSTANDING DUES OF DOORDARSHAN/AIR
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether dues are outstanding against several Doordarshan/AIR serial producers and otherprivate programmes production agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof till date. Agency-wise;

(c) the amount of dues against each of them and since when the dues are pending;

(d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to recover the said amount;

(e) whether Government are aware of such cases, where private producers and agencies have not paid the outstanding amount to DD/AIR and have taken the contracts for producing programmes again by changing the name of their companies; and

(f) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (f): A Statement is lain on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 FOR ANSWER O 24.07.2003

(a): Yes Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): Prasar Bharati has informed that in case ofAll India Radio an amount of Rs. 27.30lakhs is outstanding against M/s. Simran Audio Studio Pvt. Ltd. since March 1999. AIR isalready in correspondence with the producer for recovery of outstanding amount alongwith interest. In addition, an amount of Rs. 2.83 crores, as on 31.12. 2002 is outstanding against advertising agencies. In respect of Doordarshan, details of major defaulting agencies (principal amount) on National Channels and action taken for recovery are given at Annexure- I & II respectively.

(e): Prasar Bharati has informed that no such incident has come to their notice.

(f): Does not arise.